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trained in criminal anthropology and sociology and psychology." We are inclined to think the author's point that "true justice consists not in punishing a wrongdoer but in redressing the wrongs committed by him" is a good one, even if it does suggest distantly a return to the Anglo-Saxon *bot* and *wergild*.

Barring the slight enthusiasms to which we have alluded, Dr. Parsons proves himself the possessor of an exceptionally clear and vigorous style. It is a pleasure to find good English in a type of composition where it is too often conspicuous by its absence. And as to subject-matter the book as a whole is one which the lay reader will gain much by reading, and which the professional criminologist and penologist will have to reckon with.

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Toward Social Reform. By CANON AND MRS. S. A. BARNETT. New York: Macmillan, 1909; 12mo; pp. 352. \$1.50 net.

A book of this kind, made up as it is of brief papers upon a wide variety of subjects, from "Lady Visitors and Girls" to "The Unemployable" and "The Place of Public Libraries in Education," many of them republished from well-known and easily accessible periodicals, and merely bound together by a title-page and an introduction, must have exceptionally good subject-matter, handled with exceptional skill, fully to justify itself. Few busy Americans will have the patience or the interest to read many of these essays, especially as their style is notably lacking in life. Nevertheless the book will prove a useful addition to the table of one who desires an intelligent discussion of current, concrete problems and conditions facing English philanthropy and reform. The authors are on the ground and apparently know their ground well.

The book is divided into five parts, dealing respectively with "Social Reformers," "Poverty," "Education," "Recreation," and "Housing." To the latter subject is devoted but one paper. The best and most timely essays are those on unemployment, in Part II. The papers are nearly all exceedingly concrete, sometimes tiresome in their detail; but they abound in specific suggestions for future steps in reform that may prove useful to the American as well as the English philanthropist. There is no index.

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The Crime Problem: What to Do about It. How to Do It. By COL. VINCENT MYRON MASTEN, Military Instructor at the Elmira Reformatory. Elmira: Star-Gazette Co., 1909. 12mo, pp. 12+156.

Cheaply bound, poorly printed, with glaring typographical errors on nearly every page, this book at first sight appears simply one more example of that numerous tribe of productions turned out by the country press for people anxious to get into print. Nor is the impression altered much by the picturesquely grandiloquent language in which the author now and then indulges. It seems fully confirmed when we open the book at random and find a paragraph like this: "For habituals, justice of the resilient temper of the Damascus blade which may easily